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1. FRENCH AMBASSADOR CALLED ON CHARGE MORNING OF OCTOBER 26 TO ANNOUNCE GOF DECISION TO SUPPORT CANDIDACY OF DDG FRANCIS BLANCHARD. HE TOLD CHARE THAT HIS INSTRUCTIONS ARRIVED FROM PARIS EVENING OF OCTOBER 25 AND HE IMMEDIATELY ATTEMPTED TO CONVEY INFORMATION TO GB CHAIRMAN MUNOZ-LEDO, BUT IN HIS ABSENCE, INFORMED MEXICAN CHARGE. US MISSION WAS NEXT POINT OF CONTACT AND THIS AFTERNOON HE PLANS TO INFORM UK MISSION AND ACTING ILO HEAD ABBAS AMMAR. US AND UK GIVEN PRIORITY PRESUMABLY BECAUSE THEY ARE GENEVA GROUP CO-CHAIRMEN AND AMBASSADOR WANTS TO ANNOUNCE GOF DECISION TO GENEVA GROUP. (MEETING TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR NEXT WEEK.)

2. AMBASSADOR STATED GOF HAS MADE NO DECISION RE TIMING OF ELECTION, BUT CURRENT THINKING IS THAT PERIOD OF UNCERTAINTY SHOULD NOT EXTEND TOO LONG, AND DEFINITELY NOT TO JUNE CONFERENCE. HOWEVER, HE INDICATED THAT GOF WAS NOT TOO CONCERNED ABOUT PRECISE TIME, BEFORE JUNE CONFERENCE, THAT ELECTION SHOULD TAKE PLACE AND DID NOT RULE OUT POSSIBILITY OF A NOVEMBER ELECTION.

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3. AMBASSADOR REFERRED TO FRENCH SHARE OF TOP POSTS IN  
INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND SAID THAT MAHEU OF UNESCO WILL  
RETIRE AND IS SLATED TO BE REPLACED BY AFRICAN. BLANCHARD'S  
ELECTION AT ILO WOULD RIGHT THE BALANCE FOR THE FRENCH.BASSIN

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